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Public Notice

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Application No. 200502347

Please address all comments to:
Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Fixed and Floating Commercial Dock, Clinch River Mile 0.7L, Opposite Tennessee River Mile 567.8R, Watts Bar Lake, Roane County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 1344)**.

APPLICANT: Watts Bar Riverboat Co.
Attn: Mr. Dave Westberg
1100 Ladd Landing Blvd.
Kingston, Tennessee 37763

LOCATION: Clinch River Mile 0.7L, Opposite Tennessee River Mile 567.8R, Watts Bar Lake, Roane County, Tennessee

Latitude: 35 52 03

Longitude: 84 31 13

USGS Topographic Map: Bacon Gap, TN

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the construction of a fixed and floating dock and store in relation to the operation of a paddlewheel riverboat. The structure would consist of a 8' x 130' fixed pier, a 8' x 40 connection bridge, a 10' x 36' floating pier, a 10' x 98' floating dock and a 20' x 30' floating office/gift shop in the configuration shown on the attached drawings. The structure would extend a total of 180 linear feet out from NSP elevation 741.0. The navigation channel is located at 387' from NSP elevation 741.0 in this location. Materials used for the construction of this structure would include galvanized steel with composite decking. Flotation would be encapsulated Styrofoam.

The proposed structure would be located on property owned by the City of Kingston. The City has an agreement with the applicant to lease the property for use in the operation and maintenance of an excursion riverboat for a period of five (5) years.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before January 6, 2006, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Maryellen Farmer, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7517. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to Watts Bar-Clinch Watershed Team, Attn: Mr. Mark Degnan; 260 Interchange Park Drive, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37772.

BACON GAP QUADRANGLE

TENNESSEE-ROANE CO.

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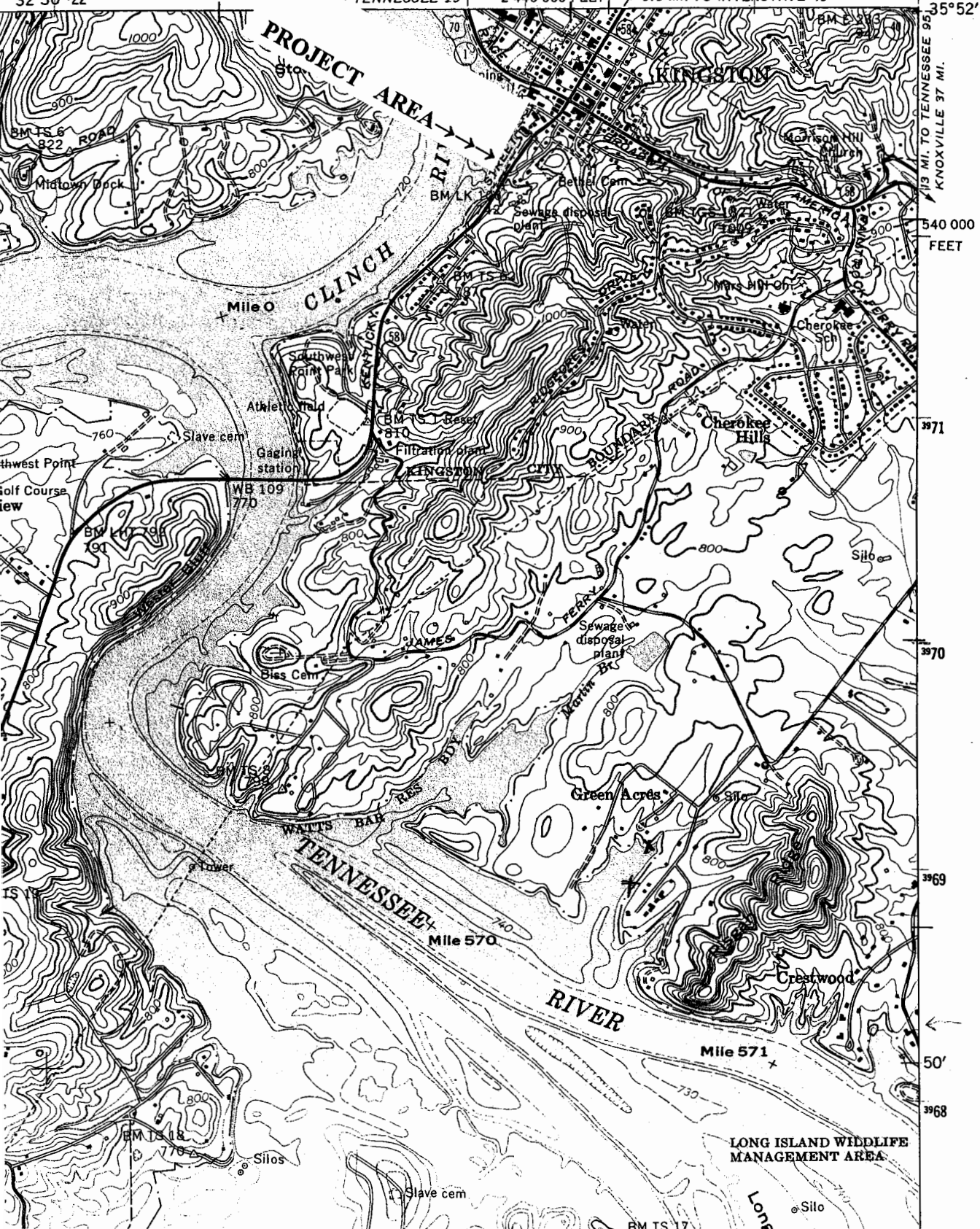
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BACON GAP, TENN.

Point on 745 Contour— $59^{\circ}38'W$
47-128

47-140— $N1^{\circ}20'E-44'$
47-153

47-187— $371^{\circ}22'E-84'$
47-90— $318^{\circ}10'W-130'$
47-185— $N71^{\circ}47'W-75'$
47-186

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(F) R. E. SARGENT
(G) NELSON & ROBERT
(H) MRS. STEVE KLUGH
(I) R. A. FRANCES
(J) TOM HALE
(K) KARL KNAPP
(L) MARTIN SKINNER

47-125— $57^{\circ}31'W-8'$
47-79— $57^{\circ}31'W-191'$
47-44

47-146— $376^{\circ}52'E-23'$
47-79— $338^{\circ}52'E-175'$
47-80— $342^{\circ}17'W-373'$
47-81

47-202— $362^{\circ}33'E-42'$
47-201— $325^{\circ}49'W-110'$
47-199— $N68^{\circ}49'W-49'$
47-200

47-22— $N83^{\circ}06'W-28'$
Point on 750 Contour—

Point on 750 Contour— $537^{\circ}34'W-28'$
47-150

47-47— $552^{\circ}25'W-138'$
47-127WC— $552^{\circ}25'W-24'$
47-127— $552^{\circ}25'W-24'$
47-128— $552^{\circ}25'W-24'$

47-147— $552^{\circ}25'W-138'$
47-82— $548^{\circ}23'W-8'$
47-212— $552^{\circ}25'W-138'$
47-213— $552^{\circ}25'W-138'$

47-135— $52^{\circ}24'E-137'$
47-141— $52^{\circ}24'E-137'$
Point on 750 Contour— $578^{\circ}44'W-160'$
47-181

47-162— $578^{\circ}15'W$
Point on 741.5 Contour—

Point on 741.5 Contour— $N70^{\circ}17'W$
47-163

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Information about outstanding interests in lands owned in fee by TVA and rights TVA holds in other lands is contained in the records of the Land Branch.

All bearings, distances, and coordinates refer to the appropriate State Coordinate System, or grid, as established by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Grid bearings should not be confused with magnetic bearings.

Further information concerning survey control, coordinates, etc., may be obtained from the Maps and Surveys Branch of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37402.

ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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MAPS AND SURVEYS BRANCH

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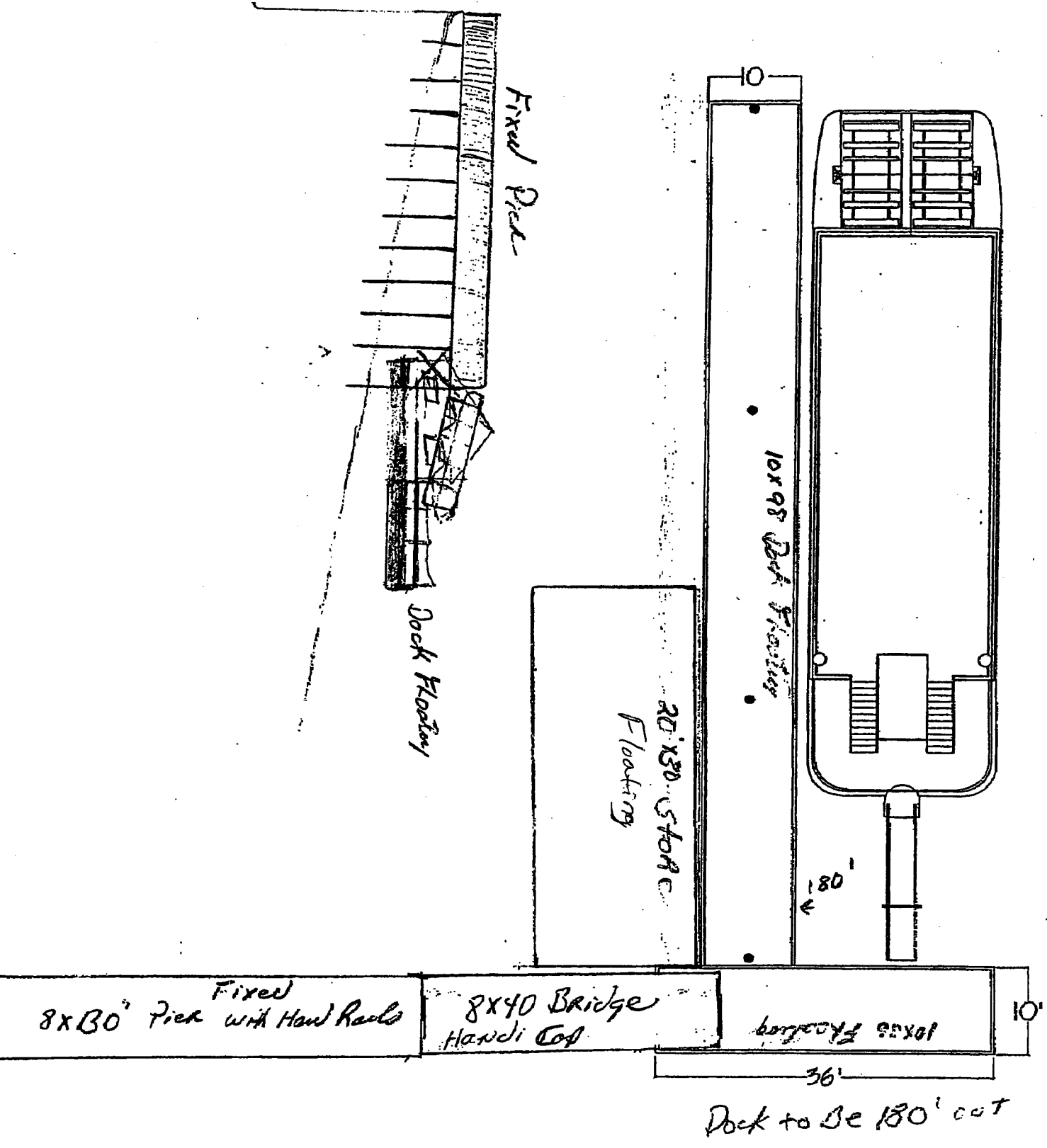
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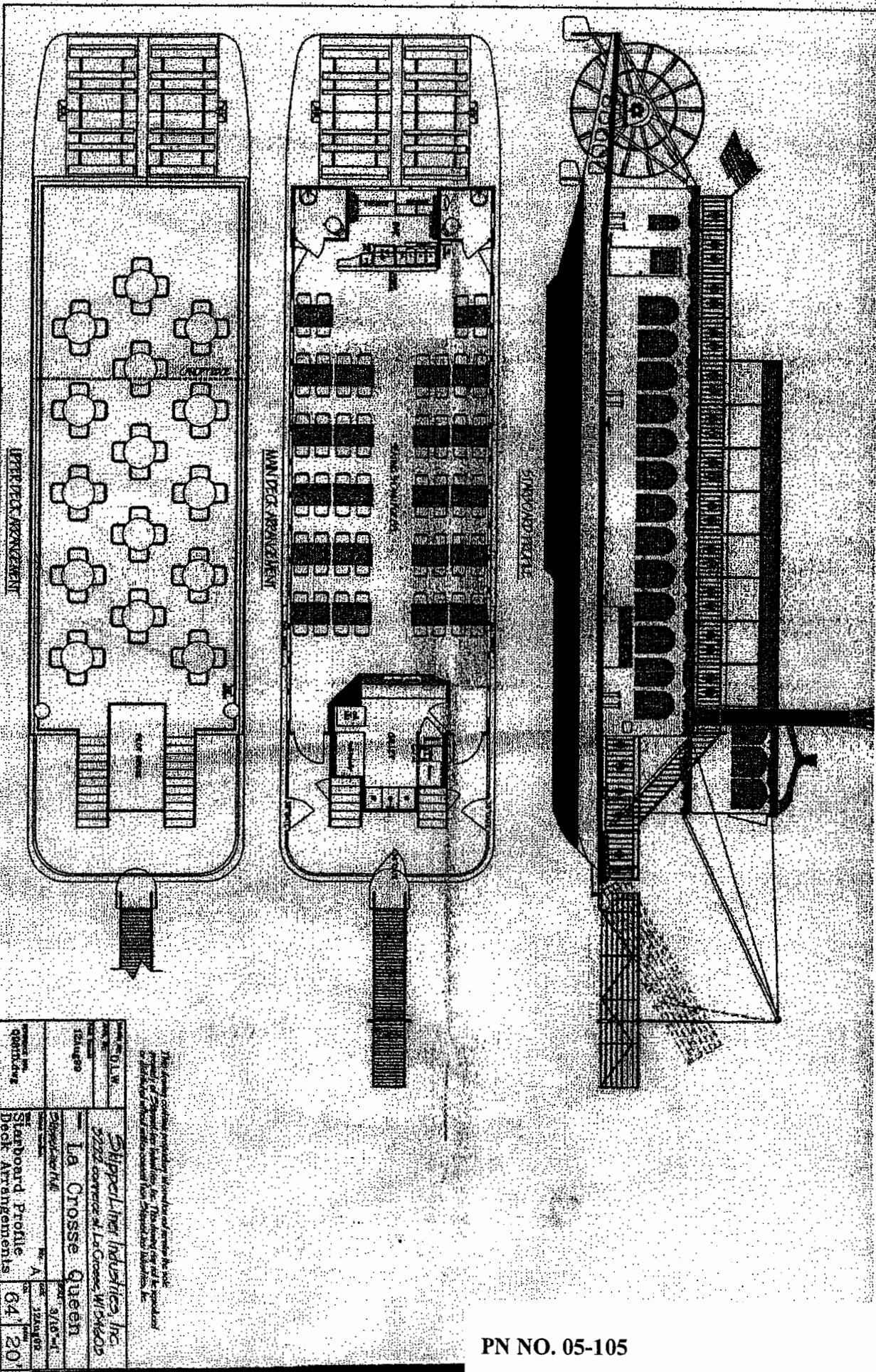
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